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DOTA NO. 353-TT

PASS TO FRED ZEDER.

JANICE M. JOHNSON, STAFF ASSISTANT FOR EDUCATION AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT WISHES TO SUBMIT A MINORITY CONCERN REGARDING SECTION 22, (1)(A). DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION. THIS SECTION AS WRITTEN IMPLIES THERE WILL NOT BE A DIVISION OF ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION THUS, THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT WILL HAVE LITTLE OR NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OR SUPERVISION OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PROGRAMS IN THE TT. FURTHER, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WOULD PROVIDE POLICY GUIDANCE FOR HIGHER EDUCATION ONLY; NOT ELEMENTARY OR SECONDARY EDUCATION. IT ALSO IMPLIES THAT ONLY THE DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION WILL PROVIDE GUIDANCE TO THEIR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS CONCERNING ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

IT IS WISE FOR THE TT BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE AND ADVICE TO HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ON POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION MATTERS; BUT I WOULD ALSO RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD ALSO PROVIDE POLICY AND GUIDANCE

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FOR MICRONESIA'S ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION AS WELL. THE DISTRICTS NEED TO STRENGTHEN THEIR DISTRICT BOARDS OF EDUCATION FOR LOCAL POLICY AND GUIDANCE, BUT THERE ALSO SHOULD BE A "STATE" BOARD OF EDUCATION TO PROVIDE TT-WIDE GUIDANCE.

RICE COMMENTS:

JANICE JOHNSON FEARS THAT SECTION 22 SCENARIO MAY REDUCE SOME FEDERAL FUNDING FOR ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY PROGRAMS BECAUSE OF STATE AGENCY REQUIREMENTS. RICE CHECKED THIS PERSONALLY WITH DR. MATTHEWS OF U.S. DEPT. OF HEW WHO SEES NO PROBLEM. MATTHEWS IS WILLING TO GET HIS SOLICITOR TO REVIEW FINAL LEGISLATION FOR POSSIBLE PROBLEMS BEFORE IT IS SIGNED INTO LAW, BUT DOES NOT FEEL THAT SCENARIO WOULD PRESENT ANY PROBLEM.

ACTING DOTA SENDS.

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